

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his careful and very thorough Office Action.

Claims 1-5, 8-22, 24, and 26 have been rejected. By the foregoing amendments, various Claims are sought to be amended or canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has stated that Claims 6, 7, 23, and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has amended Claims 6, 7, 23, and 25 as suggested by the Examiner, and their allowance is respectfully requested.

Art Rejections

The art rejections are all respectfully traversed.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1-3, 8-11, and 13-21 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 102(b) as anticipated by *Laws et al.* U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0128204 A1 ("*Laws et al.*").

As established by the enclosed "Statement and Evidence of Common Ownership," *Laws et al.* has a common ownership with the present application and is no longer prior art with respect to present application.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 4, 5, 12, 22, 24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Laws et al.* in view of *Baldwin et al.* U.S. Patent No. 5,594,854.

Again, as established by the enclosed "Statement and Evidence of Common Ownership," *Laws et al.* has a common ownership with the present application and is no longer prior art with respect to present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

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Conclusion

Thus, all grounds of rejection and/or objection are traversed or accommodated, and favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney or Robert Groover for an interview to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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